

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of June 2, 2008 is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 6, 14, 16 and 17. Without acquiescing to the positions taken by the Examiner, all of these claims have now been canceled.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication of the allowability of claims 7-10, 13 and 15. In view of the cancellation of the rejected claims, all of the claims pending in the application should now be in condition for allowance. Indication of such is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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